

EXECUTIVE ORDER 00000

Creating the
Telecommunications Coordinating Committee

By virtue of the authority vested in me as President of the United States, and in order to provide for the fullest development and coordination of the communications policies and activities of the agencies of the Federal Government, it is ordered as follows:

1. There is hereby established the Telecommunications Coordinating Committee (hereinafter referred to as the Committee), whose function shall be to advise and assist the National Telecommunications Board (established by Reorganization Plan No. -- of 1951) in the discharge of its duties.

2. The Committee shall have as members one representative each from the Department of State, the Treasury Department, the Department of Defense, the Department of the Army, the Department of the Navy, the Department of the Air Force, the Department of Justice, the Department of the Interior, the Department of Agriculture, the Department of Commerce, the Federal Communications Commission, the Central Intelligence Agency, and the National Telecommunications Board (hereinafter called the participating agencies). The members shall be designated by the heads of the participating agencies, except that the Chairman of the National Telecommunications Board shall be its representative, and shall serve as Chairman of the Committee. The Director of the Bureau of the Budget shall designate a representative as a non-voting member of the Committee.

3. Each head of an agency authorized to designate a member of

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the Committee shall also designate one or more alternate members, as may be necessary.

4. The Committee shall provide for participation, including participation in voting, by a representative of any agency not regularly represented on the Committee, in connection with such communications matters as are of substantial interest to that agency.

5. The Committee shall assist the National Telecommunications Board in the formulation of national communications policies by examining communications problems and developments affecting more than one participating agency; and by discussion looking toward the coordination of policies of the various departments and agencies of the United States Government relating to domestic and international communications matters in order to encourage the most efficient system for international communication by wire and radio; promote the national defense and security; develop the most effective use of wire and radio facilities as an instrument for the expansion of foreign trade; and provide the most efficient and economical system for handling wire and radio communications of the various departments and agencies of the United States Government.

6. The Committee shall advise and assist the National Telecommunications Board on problems of an international nature, including preparation for international telecommunications conferences.

7. The Committee shall maintain close liaison with the Cryptographic Security Board, the Air Coordinating Committee, and the

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United States Central Intelligence Agency. The Committee shall also consult with any other Federal boards and committees concerned with communications activities.

8. The Committee shall have power to determine its organization and procedures; it shall have power to constitute general and special subcommittees and ad hoc committees to deal with specified problems or problem areas.

9. The Committee shall be served by a Secretariat which shall consist of an Executive Secretary and necessary professional and clerical staff. The Department of State shall include in its budget requests items to cover salaries of the Executive Secretary and other necessary personnel, and shall furnish space, furniture and equipment, local telephone service, duplication services and supplies, and other administrative support unless or until arrangements are made for administrative support by the National Telecommunications Board.

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